port to check the baggage in such eventualities; and

(c) whether Government propose to instal sufficient number of X-ray machines at the Airport to avoid any such delay to flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In case of failure of X-Ray machine, manual checking is done.

(c) In view of (a) above question does not arise.

Curb on professional blood donors

898. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what measures are being taken by Government to check the evil of professional blood sellers; and

(b) whether any steps are being taken by Government to encourage voluntary blood donation and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued to all the Blood Banks to screen all the professional blood donors for AIDS in addition to the usual mandatory tests. The present dependance on professional donors of blood is sought to be progressively eliminated by encouraging voluntary blood donation through innovative health education and publicity campaign on a sustained and continued basis.

Dr. B. C. Roy awards

899. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that former recipients of the prestigious Dr. B. C. Roy awards have written to the Prime Minister that by selecting themselves for the awards, two members of the screening Committee have "utterly debased" them;

(b) whether this year award has among others gone to (i) Dr. M. M. S. Sidhu from Lucknow and Dr. R. K. Mendu, who were on the management Committee of Dr. B. C. Roy Award Fund; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A complaint was received alleging irregularities in the selection of nominees for the 1985 Dr. B. C. Roy National Award. The complaint was examined in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dr. B. C. Roy National Award Fund and it was seen that no irregularity had been committed.

Dr. M. M. S. Siddhu and Dr. R. K. Menda, Members of the Management Committee have been selected for the 1985 Dr. B. C. Roy National Award as reported by the Medical Council of India.

Corruption in North-East Frontier Railway

900. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in "Pranta Jyoti" of the 25th June, 1986, published from Silchar regarding corruption in North-East Frontier Railway; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the enquiry made into these complaints and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case is under investigation. Details and results thereof will be known only after completion of investigations.

New family welfare programmes

901. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to announce new family welfare programmes in the country to motivate the people to keep their families small;

(b) if so, what are the details of the new programmes; and

(c) to what extent the new programmes are likely to help in population control in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The new strategy for the National Family Welfare Programme has not yet been finalised.

2. The proposed strategy under consideration includes, *inter alia*, (1) developing multi-sectoral linkages between the Family Welfare and other socio-economic developmental programmes, (2) professionalising the Information, Education and Communication activities, (3) ensuring full community participation by constitution of popular committees, (4) Improving programme management and adopting differential area and group specific appoaches, and (5) Improving technical quality of services.

3. The package of new initiatives is aimed at achieving the longterm demographic goals laid down under the National Health Policy.

Crisis in publishing industry

902. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 12th June, 1986 under the caption 'Publishing industry in crisis';

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate facilities to publishers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Book Development Council has submitted a report "Towards A National Book Policy'. This report has made several recommendations to improve the conditions of the Indian publishing industry. Government is examining these recommendations in consultation with other departments/agencies.

Railway Electrification

903. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the sections of railways, zonewise, where electrification has since been completed till March 31, 1986;

(b) whether the steam and diesel engines have been replaced by electric locos in these sections; and

(c) by when the remaining sections of the railways are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)